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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ATOMIC EMISSION  
SPECTROSCOPY

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Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

Responsive to the August 5, 2002 Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1-7, 11-12 and 18, without prejudice to or disclaimer of their subject matters. A clean version of the amended claims as required under 37 C.F.R. 1.121(c)(1)(i) is attached to this paper as a separate document, and labeled Appendix A. In addition, as required under 37 C.F.R. 1.121(c)(1)(ii), applicant provides another version of the amended, which are marked-up to show all changes relative to the previous version of those claims. The changes are shown by brackets for deleted matter, and underlining for added matter. The marked up claims are labeled Appendix B.

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 1-7, 11-12 and 18 are amended.

A. The Office Action objects to claims 4, 11 and 18 for informalities, and asserts that the use of "sufficient" renders the claim ambiguous. Claims 4-5 and 11-12 have been amended to correct noted informalities by changing "sufficient power" to - a power level- -, and claim 18 has been amended to correct noted informalities by changing "sufficient signal power" to - a signal at a power level- -. If applicable to the present claims, this objection is respectfully traversed.

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